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In re Application of

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For: COUPLING APPARATUS

DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 18 January 2005 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

Applicant's statement that "the entire delay in entering the national phase of this application until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional" is being interpreted to mean that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." If this interpretation is incorrect, applicant must notify the Office immediately. Applicant's statement and the prompt filing of the petition satisfies the requirement of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

A review of the application file reveals that applicant has now provided payment of the full, U.S. Basic National Fee. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America. Further, a review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage in the United States have been satisfied.

The application has an international filing date of 01 August 2002 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and will be given a date of 18 January 2005 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for treatment in accordance with this decision.

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